

NOTICES OF AGENCY GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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1. Title of the guidance document and the guidance document number by which the document is referenced:

GD-097-PHS-EMS: Triage, Treatment and Transport Guidelines

2. Date of the publication of the guidance document and the effective date of the document if different from the date of publication:

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3. Summary of the contents of the guidance document:

The guidance document provides the Arizona Department of Health Services' recommendations for EMTs for triage, treatment, and transport of patients in the pre-hospital setting for the following subject areas:

- Adult Chest Pain
- Adult Bradycardia
- Adult Tachycardia
- Adult Pulseless Arrest-CCR
- Adult Pulseless Arrest-CPR
- Adult Termination of Resuscitation
- Adult Withholding of Resuscitation Efforts
- Adult Transport to Designated Cardiac Arrest Center
- Adult Respiratory Difficulty
- Adult Unconscious/Unresponsive
- Adult Behavioral Emergency – Violent or Combative Patient
- Poison-Ingestion/Inhalation
- Poison-Bites and Stings
- Poison-Snakebite
- Adult Seizures
- Hyperthermia
- Hypothermia
- Suspected Stroke
- Trauma-General Management
- Trauma-Amputated Parts
- Trauma-Extremity Fractures, Dislocation, and Sprains
- Trauma-Brain Injury
- Trauma-Management of Acute Traumatic Pain
- Spinal Immobilization
- Trauma-Field Triage Decision Scheme
- Arizona Ground and Air Ambulance Mode of Transportation Guidelines
- High Risk OB
- Pediatric Shortness of Breath
- Pediatric Heat Exposure
- Pediatric Anaphylaxis/Allergic Reaction
- Newborn Resuscitation
- Pediatric Pulseless Electrical Activity (PEA)/Asystole
- Pediatric Bradycardia, Unstable

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- Pediatric Subventricular Tachycardia
- Pediatric Ventricular Fibrillation/Pulseless Ventricular Tachycardia
- Pediatric Seizures
- Pediatric Altered Mental Status
- Pediatric Shock
- Pediatric Submersion Injury
- Pediatric Withholding of Resuscitation Efforts

4. A statement as to whether the guidance document is a new document or a revision:

The guidance document is a revision of the 2012 version of the document.

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